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TOPIC Soviet Rail Movements

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25X1A DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 30 April 1952

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

25X1X 1. Between 26 and 30 April 1952, only one Soviet troop train of 41 boxcars and 9 flatcars of the Berlin railroad district. The train went from Wittenberg under shipment-record

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2. The following is a list of trains loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station, compiled on the basis of observations made by source. The list allegedly covers all shipments loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station between 18 April and 22 April 1952. All these trains were dispatched to Altenbrabow.

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	Shipment	Shipment-Record No.
18 April	14 boxcars; 19 flatcars	about 250 troops, trucks and field howitzers	75036
19 April	30 boxcars; 19 flatcars; 6 gondola cars	4 model 43 field howitzers, 22 trucks, 2 sedans, 1 ambulance, field bakery	75035
	37 boxcars; 31 flatcars; 1 gondola car	about 250 troops, 26 model 38 field howitzers, 2 model 42 field guns, 9 trucks and 2 sedans	75034
20 April	9 boxcars; 24 flatcars	about 20 soldiers; 10 x 160-mm mortars; 23 trucks; 2 sedans; and 2 field kitchens	75027
21 April	21 boxcars; 22 flatcars	about 200 troops; 15 x 160-mm mortars; 20 trucks; 2 sedans; 2 field kitchens	75032

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Train Trains</u>	<u>Shipment</u>	<u>Shipment-Record No.</u>
21 April	15 boxcars; 24 flatcars	250 to 300 troops; 17 x 160-mm mortars; 3 x 82-mm mortars; 10 trucks; 2 sedans; 2 field kitchens	75034
22 April	12 boxcars; 7 flatcars 13 boxcars 10 flatcars	about 100 troops; 7 trucks, ammunition about 250 troops; 17 x 160 mm mortars; 15 trucks; 2 sedans	75038 75033 (2-3)

3. No unloadings were handled at the Rathenow-Ford railroad station between 15 and 22 April.

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* [redacted] Comment. The train was previously reported by another source. See [redacted]

** [redacted] Comment. Except for train shipment-record No 75033, all trains were reported by another source [redacted]

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[redacted] It is believed that, between 15 and 23 April, 13 trains with elements of the 6th Artillery Div from Rathenow were dispatched to Altenrabow. Source's report of 67 x 160 mm mortars is of interest as this exceeds the 77% of the 35th (?) Artillery Brig. According to T/W, this brigade would probably have 64 mortars. However, the present report indicates that the brigade is apparently equipped exclusively with 160-mm mortars. As it is possible that the mortar brigade may have fewer weapons than is provided by T/W, several mortars possibly belong to the 14th (?) How Artillery Brig in the Pionier Kaserne where a mortar battalion is believed to be stationed.

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